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# PATENT

**CASE NO.: 8627/092 (PA-5239-RFB)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Matthew M. Graf, et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks**  
**U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**  
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**Dear Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, the Applicants amend this application as follows:

### In the Claims

**Claims 3, 7, 8 and 9 are cancelled.**

**Claim 1 is amended as follows:**

1. ~~(Amended) An introducer sheath comprising:  
a shaft extending from a proximal end portion to a distal end portion; and~~

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